

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-24 and 37-40 are amended for clarification purposes only. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Zordan et al. ("Motion Capture-Driven Simulations that Hit and React") in view of Moore et al. ("Collision Detection and Response for Computer Animation").

Applicant submits that the publication date of Zordan is 2002. The present application was filed on March 12, 2001, but has a priority date of June 17, 1999 (JP11-171312). Thus, Zordan is not prior art to this application. Furthermore, because Moore alone does not disclose, suggest or render obvious the features of claims 1-42, Applicant asserts that claims 1-42 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-42 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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